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SUBJ: US/USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: VISIT OF US URBAN
ENVIRONMENT GROUP

1. PLEASE INFORM DR. ALEXEI O. KUDRYAVTSEV, CHAIRMAN OF USSR WORKING GROUP ON THE ENHANCEMENT OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT, THAT VARIOUS HUD OFFICIALS INCLUDING SECRETARY LYNN HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTERS FROM KUDRYAVTSEV AND OTHER MEMBERS OF SOVIET DELEGATION WHICH VISITED HERE IN APRIL. SOVIET DELEGATION LETTERS WERE VARIOUSLY DATED 31 MAY TO 14 JUNE, WERE ALL POSTMARKED MOSCOW, 20 JUNE, BUT NOT RECEIVED AT HUD UNTIL 30 AND 31 JULY.

2. US GROUP IS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT KUDRYAVTSEV IS FINAL-IZING PROPOSED PROGRAM OUTLINE AND LOOKS FORWARD TO RECEIVING IT SOON SO THAT COST ESTIMATES AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS CAN PROCEED. HIS PROPOSED ITINERARY (MOSCOW, LENINGRAD, AKADEMGORODOK, TOGLIATTI, TASHKENT AND POSSIBLY SAMARKAND)
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SEEMS SUITABLE ASSUMING JET FLIGHTS (NOT TURBO-PROPS) WILL

BE AVAILABLE SO AS TO MINIMIZE TRAVEL TIME. US TEAM MAY SUGGEST SLIGHT CHANGES IN ITINERARY AND REQUEST INCLUSION IN PROGRAM OF ONE OR TWO SIDE TRIPS FOR SPECIALISTS IN THE US DELEGATION.

3. AS KUDRYAVTSEV PROBABLY KNOWS FROM DR. IZRAEL'S RECENT TALKS IN WASHINGTON, US URBAN GROUP WOULD LIKE TO SEND DELEGATION OF NINE (ON "SENDING SIDE PAYS" BASIS) AND HOPES THAT SOVIETS COULD AGREE TO THIS. BASED ON RECENT INTERAGENCY DISCUSSIONS, US DELEGATION WOULD LIKE TO MAKE VISIT DURING FIRST TWO WEEKS OF OCTOBER WITH MEMBERS OF GROUP ARRIVING IN TIME TO BEGIN OFFICIAL PROGRAM ON MONDAY, 1 OCTOBER, AND TO CONCLUDE OFFICIAL ON OR ABOUT FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER.

4. PLEASE EMPHASIZE TO KUDRYAVTSEV THAT FURTHER COMMUNICATIONS RE US DELEGATION VISIT SHOULD BE MADE TELEGRAPHICALLY, PREFERABLY THROUGH AMEMBASSY IN ORDER TO FACILITATE PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS. (HUD WILL KEEP SOVIET EMBASSY INFORMED.)

5. US COUNTERPARTS HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED PROMISED SOVIET PUBLICATIONS TO ASSIST PRE-DEPARTURE BRIEFING. (FYI: US GROUP WILL BE SENDING, BY AIR POUCH OR CABLE, BRIEF OUTLINES OF VARIOUS TOPICS OF INTEREST TO SUB-GROUPS, AS WELL AS NAMES AND BIOGRAPHIC SKETCHES OF MEMBERS OF USDEL AS SOON AS CONFIRMED.)

6. AS SOON AS SOVIET PROPOSED OUTLINE PROGRAM IS RECEIVED, US DELEGATION WILL REVIEW AND RESPOND IMMEDIATELY. ROGERS

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